

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A jewelry rope chain formed from intertwined, non-annular, hollow rope chain links, at least one of said links comprising:

a) an outer periphery, an inner periphery and a gap, said gap for intertwining said chain link with other chain links,

b) a first end opposite said gap, lateral sides adjacent said gap and further comprising a faceted surface obtained through a non-cutting deformation or movement of an outer wall of said surface on at least one of said lateral sides,

c) a first dimension defined along a first axis extending from said gap to said first end opposite said gap, and

d) a second dimension defined along a second axis running perpendicular to said first axis and extending across said lateral sides such that said gap faces said second axis, said second dimension defining the width of said jewelry rope chain,

e) said second dimension being greater than or equal to said first dimension,

f) wherein said faceted surface has a faceting length that is greater than a faceting length defined along a faceted surface of an annular chain link having a diameter that is the same as said second dimension.

2. (original) A jewelry rope chain in accordance with claim 1, wherein a portion of said outer periphery is curved.

3. (original) A jewelry rope chain in accordance with claim 1, wherein a portion of said outer periphery is not curved.

4. (original) A jewelry rope chain in accordance with claim 1, wherein said second dimension is greater than, and not equal to, said first dimension.

5. (original) A jewelry rope chain in accordance with claim 1, wherein said faceted surface is disposed parallel to said first axis.

6. (original) A jewelry rope chain in accordance with claim 1, wherein said faceted surface is disposed at an angle with respect to said first axis.

7. (original) A jewelry rope chain in accordance with claim 1, wherein said faceted surface is disposed perpendicular to said second axis.

8. (original) A jewelry rope chain in accordance with claim 1, wherein said faceted surface is disposed at an angle with respect to said second axis.

9. (original) A jewelry rope chain in accordance with claim 1, wherein said faceted surface has a different shape than said first side opposite said gap.

10. (original) A jewelry rope chain in accordance with claim 1, wherein both of said lateral sides are faceted.

11. (original) A jewelry rope chain in accordance with claim 1, wherein a plurality of said chain links are faceted.

12. (original) A jewelry rope chain in accordance with claim 1, wherein said at least one of said links further comprises a seam.

13. (original) A jewelry rope chain in accordance with claim 1, wherein said at least one of said links is seamless.

14. (original) A jewelry rope chain in accordance with claim 1, wherein said hollow rope chain links are intertwined by hand.

15. (original) A jewelry rope chain in accordance with claim 1, wherein said hollow rope chain links are intertwined by machine.

16. (original) A jewelry rope chain in accordance with claim 1, wherein at least some of said hollow rope chain links are intertwined by hand.

17. (original) A jewelry rope chain in accordance with claim 1, wherein at least some of said hollow rope chain links are intertwined not by hand.

18. (new) A method of forming a jewelry rope chain comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a plurality of non-annular, hollow rope chain links, at least one of said links comprising an outer periphery, an inner periphery and a gap, said gap for intertwining said chain link with other chain links, a first end opposite said gap, lateral sides adjacent said gap, a first dimension defined along a first axis extending from said gap to said first end opposite said gap, and a second dimension defined along a second axis running perpendicular to said first axis and extending across said lateral sides such that said gap faces said second axis, said

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second dimension defining the width of said jewelry rope chain, said second dimension being greater than or equal to said first dimension,

- b) intertwining said chain links to form a jewelry rope chain, and
- c) faceting a surface on at least one of said lateral sides of said chain links by a non-cutting deformation or movement of an outer wall of said surface,
- d) wherein said faceted surface has a faceting length that is greater than a faceting length defined along a faceted surface of an annular chain link having a diameter that is the same as said second dimension.
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